

## Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, September 16th, 2010

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting was: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director - John Tate and Park Board Secretary - Debra Scott.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the August 18th, 2010, meeting was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for September 16th, 2010, was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Imagination Station – Mr. Tate stated he had talked with Vectren about the lights for Imagination Station. Vectren stated 4 to 6 weeks before the work will be completed. The Friends of The Library held their monthly meeting this week and passed the third reading of the ordinance stating the Library will give to the Parks Dept. Imagination Station along with an estimated \$17,000.00. Mr. Tate stated this should take place next week sometime with the monies being handed over to Clerk Treasurer, Cristi Sitzman; which she will place in a Non-Reverting Library Fund for the Parks & Recreation Department. The Library will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; all Board members are invited to attend. The Friends of the Library will be having a fundraiser with all the proceeds going to the Park & Recreation non-reverting Library fund. Mr. Tate stated the sponsor signs throughout the park are in need of replacing, this will be the next project at Imagination Station. Mr. Tate stated he has four workers on Friday for another work day at the Park and hopefully this will complete the painting and staining to be done at the Imagination Station.

2. Shelter #1 – Mr. Tate stated he followed the Boards direction and called Ralph Weiss. After calling the number and leaving a voice message, Mr. Ralph Weiss had not got back in touch with Mr. Tate as of meeting time. Mr. Linc Baro stated he had went out to Brittlebank Park and looked at the gutters at shelter one, and agreed they were in need of some attention. Mr. Ron Bennett tabled the subject until Mr. Tate can speak with Mr. Ralph Weiss.

3. Riverfront Park – Mr. Tate stated he e-mailed thoughts / concerns of the Park Board to Mayor John Tucker. Mayor Tucker stated he was having a meeting the following week with Mt. Vernon Barge Service and that the Parks Board and Mr. Tate should plan to attend. Mr. Tate stated after

talking with Beth McFadden Higgins no one can take over the riverfront while it is being subsidized by government grant monies. Mr. Tate stated that Mayor Tucker has set money aside to help with the upkeep of the riverfront. After the Parks Board discussed the issue, Mr. Don Oeth stated the main point is if the Parks Department is going to be responsible for the Riverfront; then who is in control of the decision making. Board member Kelly Cox asked what the time limit is on the grant money, and if the Parks Board needs to let someone know since we have not been a part of the planning we do not feel impelled about the project. Parks Board President Ron Bennett, stated our budget is made up of 70% funding from Black Township and 30% from the City. Mr. Tate stated a meeting with council members, the mayor and park board members should take place in the next couple of months to discuss this matter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Purchases- Mr. Tate handed out quotes from several different companies on Paint Stripers. The purchase would come out of the soccer fund which currently has \$21,000.00. Currently the field paint has had to be pre-mixed and then placed in the striper. Mr. Tate stated the new striper has no pre-mixing involved, you can place a 5 gallon bucket of field paint right in place and the striper is ready to go. Mr. Tate stated he had received the quotes on line and the cheapest one is \$1,799.95 from Sports Advantage – MASA (which MASA is who we usually do business with) plus \$120.00 to deliver. MASA is located in Jasper; Mr. Tate stated he could drive to Jasper to save the \$120.00 delivery fee. Mrs. Synda Waters make the motion to purchase the striper from Masa, Mr. Linc Baro seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Power Lift Portable Basketball System- Mr. Tate suggested buying 2 portable basketball goals. The basketball goals the community center is currently using are in bad shape. The bottom of the goals is filled with water and they are cracked and leaking water on the skate floor. Mr. Tate is looking at two different basketball goals; one is from Dicks and it has an acrylic backboard and the other one is from Wal-mart and it has tempered glass for its backboard. The Wal-mart basketball goal is \$50.00 cheaper than Dicks. Mr. Ron Bennett stated we needed a motion to spend up to \$600.00 for each basketball goal; \$1,200.00 taken from budget line #360. Mr. Kelly Cox made the motion to purchase two basketball goals for the Community Center; Mrs. Synda Waters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Synda Waters.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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John Tate, Parks Director

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Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 21st, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.

